HOME SECRETARIAT

Appointment of an enquiry Officer to enquire into the circumstances leading to the death of one Sri Narayanachari in Police Custody at Chintamani Police Station

READ:—

Letter No. CRM/73/KO/H/74/CAN dated 26th August 1974 from the Inspector General of Police, Bangalore.

PREAMBLE :—

It was reported that on 25th August 1974 at 2.45 hours when Police Constable No. 1, Venkatesh and Police Constable 423, Viswanatha Rao who were on night beat, found one person moving under suspicious circumstances in Chelur Circle of Chintamani Town and they brought him to the Police Station as he could not give satisfactory answers about his presence at that particular place and time He is reported to have told the Police Constables that his name was Narayanachari and he belonged to Andhra Pradesh. But, he did not mention his village. They produced him before the Station House Officer Head Constable 61 K. R. Sheriff at 3 00 hours and told about the circumstances in which they found him. The Head Constable detained him in the Police Station for further verification. The next morning the Sub-Inspector of Police, Sri Srinivasa Rao of Town Police Station, who came to the Police Station at 7-30 hours detailed the duties to the men and left at 9. 00 hours for Irgampalli for a petition enquiry. The Head Constable 61 K. R. Sheriff did not tell the Sub-Inspector about the detention of Narayanachari in the Police Station. Another Head Constable 91 Nazrulla Sheriff was detailed as Station House Officer from 9. 00 a. m. At about 10- 00 or 10. 15 a m. this Station House Officer *i.e.*, Head Constable 91 and Sentry Police Constable 464 Venkataramaiah heard some sound near the latrine situated in the rear portion of the Police Station. They immediately went to the spot and found Narayanachari shivering and lying on the ground. Thinking that he might be suffering from fits, and in the usual belief that fits would subside when some iron material is placed in the hands, they placed hand cuffs in his hands. The Head Constable also sent words to the Police Sub Inspector, Chintamani Rural Police Station, Sri Ankappa, who came to the spot immediately. On seeing Sri Narayanachari suffering, this Sub Inspector sent Head Constable Nazurulla Sheriff to get a doctor from the combined Dispensary, Chintamani. The Head Constable rushed to the Medical Officer and requested him to go over to the Police Station and give medical aid to the ailing person. But, the Medical Officer asked the Head Constable to bring the patient to the Hospital. When the Head Constable returned to the Police Station at 10.30 hours he found the said person dead.

Head Constable 91 Nazurulla Sheriff registered a case of un-natural death in crime No. 5/74 under section 174 of Cr. P. C On receiving information about this occurrence, the Superintendent of Police, Kolar rushed to Chintamani at 3. 30. p. m. The inquest proceedings were held by the Additional District Magistrate, Kolar, the same evening, and the body was sent to Post Mortem Examination to the Combined Dispensary, Chintamani. The Post Mortem Examination was conducted on 26th August 1974 The viscera was sent to the Chemical Examiner for analysis and report.

The Head Constable 61, K. R. Sheriff who was on night duty on 25th August 1974 has been kept under suspension for not making entries in the relevant records of the Station and also for his failure to inform the Sub-Inspector of the detention of Narayanachari.

Enquiries made regarding the identity of the deceased revealed the following facts :—

The real name of the deceased was Nagachari, son of Venkatachalam chari, aged 45 years, Goldsmith by caste and resident of Peddarajapalli, Bagepalli taluk, Kolar District, who left the house two months ago after quarrelling with his wife Smt. Savithramma. He had no issues, and had adopted a boy by name Krishna, aged 7 years. He was identified by his wife and a friend of his by name Subramanya of peddarajapalli.

This incident formed the subject matter of Calling Attention Notice in the Legislative Assembly of the last Session. When the Hon'ble Members pressed for an enquiry into the incident, Government agreed that an impartial enquiry would be ordered through an officer other than that of the Police Department.

ORDER No. HD 90 PLQ 74, BANGALORE, DATED 3RD DECEMBER, 1974.

In the circumstances stated above, sanction is accorded to appoint Shri V. Venugopala Naidu, Director of Vigilance, Bangalore, as an Enquiry Officer to

enquiry into this matter. The Director of Vigilance is directed to conduct an enquiry on the following specific points and complete the enquiry within a month and send his report to Government with his findings on the following points :—

(a) Whether Shri Narayanachari died while he was in police custody ;

(b) Whether the Police are responsible for his death and

(c) if so, who is responsible for the same.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka.

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282 *Home Department.*

PUBLIC WORKS AND ELECTRICITY SECRETARIAT

Adoption of measures to maintain the beauty of the Central Administrative Area and to regulate and control the construction of buildings in this area

PREAMBLE:—

The Central Administrative Area in Bangalore comprises the area roughly within a radius of one and a half Kilometers from Vidhana Soudha and consists of important administrative buildings such as the Vidhana Soudha, High Court Buildings, Multi-storeyed Government Offices, Multi-storeyed Court Buildings, Accountant General's Offices, Public Service Commission Offices, New Public Offices, Government Press, Kanteerava Stadium with Physical-Culture Education Complex etc. From a long time, this area has the reputation of good architecture and well-kept gardens. The green openness and elegant buildings have always attracted visitors as well as the local residents. It has become one of the important places for visitors. It is imperative that this area is preserved with its beauty both in buildings and the gardens, and any haphazard growth should be prevented.

2. With State's Reorganisation and the formation of the New State, there has been a necessity for putting up temporary structures for accommodating the increased strength in administrative Offices. These temporary structures, while they have provided for the extra accommodation, have crowded the precincts of a number of public buildings and present an ugly appearance. It is, therefore, necessary that the surroundings of all public buildings should be cleared of these temporary huts and sheds to make the area clean and tidy with good gardens wherever possible.

3. The Chief Architect with the help of the Chief Engineer (Communications & Buildings), has prepared a Report with the Location Map of this area showing the important public buildings and the temporary additions. The Superintending Engineer, Bangalore Circle, has prepared an inventory of all the temporary buildings indicating their plinth area, their method of construction, approximate cost and the age etc. and has also indicated the structure which have to be demolished. The report given by the Chief Architect and the Chief Engineer (Communications and Buildings), emphasizes the necessity for demolishing these temporary structures around public buildings in a phased manner, after providing alternative accommodation if necessary. It is also proposed that this type of alternative accommodation can be provided in well designed Multi-storeyed Complexes in suitable places within this area.

4. The Report emhasizes that in order to preserve the beauty and openness of the area, any proposal for additional buildings should be scrupulously examined and should be started only after getting permission of the Government at the highest level. For this purpose, it suggests that a Screening Committee headed by the Chief Secretary may be set up to examine all proposals for additional buildings or structures.

5. Government have accepted the report and the proposals given by the Chief Engineer (Communications and Buildings) and the Chief Architect.